

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

MARIANNE S. FREUDIGER, Individually  
and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

MOLECULAR PARTNERS AG, PATRICK  
AMSTUTZ, ANDREAS EMMENEGGER,  
WILLIAM M. BURNS, AGNETE  
FREDRIKSEN, STEVEN H. HOLTZMAN,  
SANDIP KAPADIA, VITO J. PALOMBELLA,  
MICHAEL VASCONCELLES, and DOMINK  
HÖCHLI,

Defendants.

**CASE No.: 1:22-cv-05925-ER**

**ORDER APPOINTING LEAD  
PLAINTIFF AND APPROVING  
LEAD PLAINTIFF'S  
SELECTION OF COUNSEL**

**CLASS ACTION**

WHEREAS, the above-captioned securities class action was filed against Defendants Molecular Partners AG, Patrick Amstutz, Andreas Emmenegger, William M. Burns, Agnete Fredriksen, Steven H. Holtzman, Sandip Kapadia, Vito J. Palombella, Michael Vasconcelles, and Domink Höchli (“Defendants”), alleging violations of the federal securities laws;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (“PSLRA”), 15 U.S.C. § 77z-1(a)(3)(A)(i), 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(3)(A)(i), on July 12, 2022, a notice was issued to potential class members of the action informing them of their right to move to serve as lead plaintiff within 60 days of the date of the issuance of said notice;

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2022, James Merritt (“Movant”) moved the Court to appoint Movant as Lead Plaintiff and to approve Movant’s selection of The Rosen Law Firm, P.A. (“Rosen Law”) as Lead Counsel;

WHEREAS, the PSLRA provides, *inter alia*, that the most-adequate plaintiff to serve as lead plaintiff is the person or group of persons that has either filed a complaint or has made a motion in response to a notice and has the largest financial interest in the relief sought by the Class and satisfies the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23; and

WHEREAS, the Court finding that Movant has the largest financial interest in this action and *prima facie* satisfies the typicality and adequacy requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23. *See* 15 U.S.C. § 77z-1(a)(3)(B)(iii)(I); 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(a)(3)(B)(iii)(I);

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

**APPOINTMENT OF LEAD PLAINTIFF AND LEAD COUNSEL**

4. Pursuant to Section 27 of the Securities Act and Section 21D(a)(3)(B) of the Exchange Act, Movant is appointed as Lead Plaintiff for the class as he has the largest financial interest in this litigation and otherwise satisfies the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23.

5. Movant's choice of counsel is approved and accordingly, Rosen Law is appointed as Lead Counsel.

6. Lead Counsel, after being appointed by the Court, shall manage the prosecution of this litigation. Lead Counsel is to avoid duplicative or unproductive activities and is hereby vested by the Court with the responsibilities that include, without limitation, the following to: (1) prepare all pleadings; (2) direct and coordinate the briefing and arguing of motions in accordance with the schedules set by the orders and rules of this Court; (3) initiate and direct discovery; (4) prepare the case for trial; and (5) engage in settlement negotiations on behalf of Lead Plaintiff and the Class.

SO ORDERED:

Dated: April 3, 2023  
New York, New York



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HONORABLE EDGARDO RAMOS  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE